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For: SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF,
CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned has received a Notice of Abandonment dated May 3, 2002, holding the above-captioned patent application abandoned. However, a Rule 53(d) Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed on the Issue Fee due date of March 4, 2002. Thus, the May 3, 2002, Notice of Abandonment was issued in error.

In a telephone conference with Mr. Frederick Briscoe of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, this Petition was requested together with copies of the CPA Transmittal and PTO-date stamped receipt in order to rescind the May 3, 2002 Notice of Abandonment and enter the March 4, 2002 CPA. Accordingly, the above requested papers are attached with this Petition, and Applicant's respectfully request withdrawal of abandonment and entry of the March 4, 2002 CPA.

Additionally, as indicated on the CPA Transmittal, a three months suspension of action was requested in Item 6. Thus, Applicants expect suspension of prosecution until June 4, 2002.

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As indicated by Mr. Briscoe, the present Petition does not require a fee, because the CPA was not entered due to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office error. However, if there is any fee required, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

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Attachments:

Copy of March 4, 2002 PTO date-stamped receipt
Copy of March 4, 2002 CPA Transmittal

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